

## VILLA IS DEFEATED

BANDIT AND HIS MEN RETREAT AFTER BATTLE WITH TREVINO AT CHIHUAHUA CITY.

## BANDIT SUFFERS BIG LOSSES

Carranzistas Are Pursuing Foes—Large Numbers of Attacking Force Left Dead on Field—Artillery Aide Deceased of Town.

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 25.—Francisco Villa withdrew his surviving forces in defeat from Chihuahua City at 6:15 o'clock Thursday night, after a battle of seven hours, during which he made fruitless attempts to carry General Trevino's protecting works by assault. General Trevino repulsed a fourth mass attack by Villa forces, the bandits being driven from their temporary intrenchments with heavy losses, it was announced in Juarez. The de facto troops now are pursuing the bandits toward the south, the same report from Chihuahua City stated. General Trevino has about 5,000 men. General Trevino's artillery, which carried the brunt of the attack, did heavy execution on the ranks of the bandits, according to a message General Gonzalez said he had received from the state capital. Many Villa prisoners were taken by the Carranzas forces when a detachment of infantry and cavalry made a sally from the city, he said.

At 1:30 p. m., two hours and a half after Villa began his attack, the noise of bursting shells and discharging field pieces was said to deafen.

General Trevino had 20 fieldpieces stationed on the Santa Rosa and other hills in the suburbs of Chihuahua City, military men in Juarez say, and there were several French 75s included in this number. Villa in person was leading his forces against the Carranza troops, according to the reports received at the Juarez military headquarters from Chihuahua City. The bandit leader is said to be riding horseback with his credit strapped to his saddle.

## ROADS ASK RELIEF OF U. S.

Revolutionary Change in Relations Is Asked of Congress—See Government Ownership.

Washington, Nov. 25.—The railroads of the country made a flat demand on Thursday for a revolutionary change in the relations of the government to the railroads.

General Counsel A. P. Thom of the railroad executives committee told the new joint congressional committee investigating interstate commerce conditions that unless the present system of railroad control is reformed, government ownership of the entire railroad system of the country is inevitable.

Mr. Thom opened the testimony for the railroads with an outline of the position the railroads take concerning railroad regulations. He declared the present system has almost completely prevented new railroad construction and has endangered the credit of all railroads.

## LINER ESCAPES FROM DIVER

French Steamer La Touraine Signaled by German Submarine—Captain Warned by Wireless.

New York, Nov. 22.—The French liner La Touraine narrowly escaped being torpedoed the day she left Bordeaux.

On arrival here on Monday Captain Cassin said he had been out only a few hours on an extremely rough sea when he was signaled for assistance by what he thought was a French steamer, about a mile away. She reported broken propellers. The "Touraine" stopped and a small boat put off to the distressed vessel.

Shortly afterward a wireless was received from the steamer Columbian stating that she was being torpedoed and warning all ships to look out for a steamer with broken propellers. Captain Cassin recalled the boat and fled.

## RUSS DREADNAUGHT IS SUNK

Petrograd Admits Battleship Was Destroyed by Explosion—200 of Crew Killed.

Petrograd, Nov. 25, via London.—Russia officially announces the loss of the dreadnaught Imperatritsa Maria. The statement issued here on Thursday reads:

"The Russian dreadnaught Imperatritsa Maria has been sunk by an internal explosion. Two hundred of the crew are missing."

The Imperatritsa Maria was built in 1913 and is of 6,900 tons of displacement, 20,550 horse power and 21 knots an hour speed.

## Favors West Indies Sale.

Copenhagen, Nov. 24.—As a result of the investigation by a special commission the opposition to the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States has virtually collapsed. The commission favors the sale.

## U-Boat Takes Greek Ship's Mail.

Marseilles, Nov. 24.—The Greek steamer Erisson has arrived here and reports that she was stopped by a German submarine which seized 118 sacks of mail and forced her to throw her cargo overboard.

## Crops Are Badly Damaged.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Widespread and severe damage to crops in the West and South was done by the record-breaking cold wave of 10-17, the weather bureau announced on Tuesday in a special bulletin.

## Saves 14 From Death Penalty.

Amsterdam, Nov. 23.—The intervention of the new nuncio at Brussels on behalf of Pope Benedict has resulted in only four persons out of 18 who had been condemned to death at Hasselt for espionage being executed.

## Fire Destroys Iron Works.

Muncie, Ind., Nov. 22.—The Whiteley Machine Iron and Casting works, one of the largest factories in eastern Indiana, was destroyed by fire on Monday afternoon causing a loss estimated at \$200,000.

## Texas City Launches Vessel.

Orange, Tex., Nov. 22.—The City of Orange, built in the yards here for foreign trade, was launched successfully. The schooner will go into the lumber export trade between Orange and Italian ports.

## WHERE THE POLES LIVE IN EUROPE



In view of the conditional promise of the central powers to re-establish the ancient kingdom of Poland, this map is of interest, showing as it does the parts of Germany, Austria and Russia chiefly inhabited by Poles. Prussia has been assured that no part of Prussian Poland will be included in the restored kingdom.

## CRAIOVA IS CAPTURED FIGHT FOR 8-HOUR DAY

KEY TO CAPITAL OF ROUMANIA IN TEUTONIC HANDS. LABOR CHIEF PREDICTS CHANGE FOR ALL CLASSES OF LABOR.

Most Serious Blow Suffered by King Ferdinand Since He Entered War.

London, Nov. 23.—Craiova, vital nerve of the strategic railway net of western Rumania, fell to the army of General Falkenhayn at noon Tuesday. It is the most serious blow suffered by King Ferdinand's army since Rumania's intervention on the allied side.

(Craiova is a city of 45,000, known as the capital of western Wallachia. It has been predicted that with the fall of Craiova the Rumanian army will be placed in a serious position.) At Craiova the Teutons stand 120 miles due west of Bucharest. In control of four of the most important rails of communication their headlong advance toward the heart of the kingdom continues swifter than ever. That advance holds menace of striking the greatest strategic blow of the war. It threatens the bulk of the Rumanian army still battling south of the Transylvanian Alps and particularly the forces around Orsova, near the "iron gate" with being completely cut off from all avenues of escape.

## NEW LINER SUNK; FIFTY DIE

White Star Line Steamer Britannia, Used as a Hospital Ship, Lost in Aegean.

London, Nov. 24.—The British hospital ship Britannia, 47,000 tons, the White Star's new liner, one of the largest vessels afloat, has been sunk with the loss of about fifty lives, says a British official announcement.

The Britannia was sunk by a mine or torpedo Tuesday morning in the Aegean sea, according to the official statement. There were 1,100 survivors. New York, Nov. 24.—The steamer was credited to the British consulate in the city the American consul and surgeons were aboard the British hospital ship Britannia, reported sunk in the Aegean sea, but later it was denied by the ranking consular official that there was any basis for the statement.

## HOLD UP FAST CHICAGO TRAIN

Two Bandits Board Flyer on North-Western and Loot Express Car—Agent Bound.

Chicago, Nov. 25.—Two masked men got the drop on a express messenger on a Chicago and Northwestern express train as it was speeding cityward on Thursday night. They gagged him and bound him to a chair. While one bandit stood guard, the other rifled the strong box. The robbers stopped the safe of cash estimated at \$1,000 or more. They went through the packages of valuables and selected watches and gems. They strewn the floor of the car with checks and securities and after looting themselves down with all the negotiable valuables dropped off the train as it came to a stop at Clybourn Junction in Chicago.

## Freed in Mann Act Case.

Chicago, Nov. 25.—Julius Heilner, weakling New Yorker, will not be prosecuted for violating the Mann act. Heilner was indicted on a charge of having transported Miss Florence Giddens, a Chicago girl, to other cities.

## Manufacturer Ends Life.

Chicago, Nov. 25.—William L. Kroeschell, fifty-five years old, Winnetka, secretary of Kroeschell Bros. company, ventilator manufacturers, shot and killed himself while in the library of the Illinois Athletic club.

## Three Men Rob Bank of \$8,000.

Ardmore, Okla., Nov. 24.—Three masked men robbed the First National bank of Boswell on Wednesday, escaping with approximately \$8,000. Three men in the bank were marched inside the vault and imprisoned.

## China O. K.'s Chicago Loan.

Peking, Nov. 24.—The lower house of parliament unanimously has approved the loan from a Chicago bank on the security of the wine and tobacco tax. The loan is to run for three years at six per cent.

## A. C. Frost Is Acquitted.

Chicago, Nov. 22.—Verdicts of "not guilty" were returned by a jury which heard evidence against A. C. Frost, traction magnate and millionaire, Burt Wing and Oliver W. Bourge, who were charged with jury bribing.

## Harvard Hospital Unit Sails.

Boston, Nov. 22.—Another addition to the Harvard hospital unit, including six surgeons, one dentist and 20 nurses, sailed from New York on Monday afternoon on the liner Andania for Liverpool.

## Holland Protests to Berlin.

London, Nov. 22.—The Dutch government has instructed its representative at Berlin to notify the German government that a painful impression has been produced in Holland by the deportation of Belgian civilians.

## ADMITS WILSON WON

CHARLES E. HUGHES CONGRATULATES THE PRESIDENT ON HIS VICTORY.

## AWAITED THE OFFICIAL COUNT

Declares the Closeness of the Vote in California Caused Him to Delay Acting Before—Wishes Executive a Successful Administration.

Lakewood, N. J., Nov. 24.—Charles E. Hughes, Republican candidate for president in the recent election, on Wednesday night sent to President Wilson a telegram congratulating him upon his re-election. In his telegram Mr. Hughes said: "Because of the closeness of the vote I had awaited the official count in California, and now that it virtually has been completed permit me to extend to you my congratulations upon your re-election. I desire also to express my best wishes for a successful administration."

Washington, Nov. 24.—Woodrow Wilson has been acknowledged as victor by Charles Evans Hughes. The belated congratulations have been sent from Lakewood, N. J., Mr. Hughes sent a telegram of felicitation to President Wilson at the White House.

From William R. Willcox, Republican national chairman, came word that all hope had been abandoned in California.

The Hughes message writes "finale" to the election results.

Washington, Nov. 24.—President Wilson sent a telegram to Charles E. Hughes acknowledging his message of congratulation.

"I am sincerely obliged to you for your message of congratulation. Allow me to assure you of my good wishes for the years to come."

## RULES ADAMSON LAW IS VOID

Federal Judge Hook of Kansas City Holds Act Unconstitutional—Will Go to High Tribunal.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 24.—The Adamson eight-hour law was held unconstitutional here on Wednesday by Judge William C. Hook in the United States district court.

Judge Hook directed the receivers of the Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf railroad, who brought the original action in this case to enjoin the law from going into effect, to assist the government in expediting the case to the Supreme court.

For final decision, and instructed them, through their attorneys, to invite the representatives of every railroad in this country to participate in the hearings before the highest court in the land.

The law was requested in the government's motion to dismiss the injunction petition of the railroad, the government desiring to avoid "prolonged, unnecessary and scattered litigation through the hearing of countless similar suits filed by every rail system in every federal district in the United States through which their lines run."

Following Judge Hook's decision, Frank Harzerman, special counsel for the government, gave notice of an appeal which was certified by the court late in the day.

## U. S. BARES FOOD "CORNER"

District Attorney at Chicago Is Ready for Grand Jury Probe Into Hoarding.

Chicago, Nov. 22.—Indictment of food and coal speculators and proprietors of warehouses in Chicago became a probability as the federal grand jury assembled in the federal building to hear evidence to be presented by District Attorney Charles E. Sawyer.

Investigators for the district attorney brought in reports that vast quantities of food and coal have been hoarded in railroad yards, warehouses and remote parts of the city to await the effect of the shortage on prices.

## DEUTSCHLAND ON WAY HOME

German Diver Leaves New London in the Afternoon—Thousands See Submarine.

New London, Conn., Nov. 23.—The Deutschland has started on its return voyage. The merchant submarine left shortly after two o'clock Tuesday afternoon for Bremen with a cargo valued at \$2,000,000.

Thousands of people lined the banks to see the picturesque Thielmer diver to watch and cheer her departure.

## Paral Refugees Reach U. S.

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 22.—Four of the American mining men who escaped during the Barrage du Col de la Vierge, and T. S. Hawkins, Jr., have arrived in Nogales, Ariz.

## Baker Names Fire Control Board.

Washington, Nov. 25.—Secretary Baker appointed Col. R. H. Davis, Lieut. Col. Frank W. Coo and a district engineer officer at Los Angeles as a board to study the fire control project for the coast defenses.

## Many Pay Election Bets.

New York, Nov. 25.—Holders of some of the largest wagers made in Wall street on the presidential election began paying the bets off. Estimates of the total sum wagered range from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

## Seeks an Embargo on Food.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Representative Fitzgerald, Democrat, announced that he favored an embargo on foodstuffs and that it was his purpose to prepare a bill and to press the subject early the coming session of congress.

## Greek Steamer Sunk.

London, Nov. 24.—The Daily Mail's Athens correspondent says the Greek steamer Sparti has been sunk. The captain believes the vessel was torpedoed. Nearly all those on board the steamer were saved.

## W. C. T. U. Re-Elects Head.

Indianapolis, Nov. 23.—Miss Anna A. Gordon of Evansville, Ind., was re-elected president of the Woman's Christian Temperance union at its annual convention on Tuesday. Other old officers were re-elected.

## Horses Burned at Bowie.

Bowie, Md., Nov. 23.—Half a dozen, perhaps more, race horses were lost and two stables destroyed in a fire at the Bowie racetrack. Of the horses killed two were Arabian and Yellow stone, owned by J. C. Wagoner.

## DRILLS URGED TO THEIR LIMIT

BY OPERATORS IN MAKING SEARCH FOR NEW OIL POOLS—SOME FIELDS REDRILLED.

## HOPE SOMETHING WAS MISSED

While Wildcaters Are Accepting Any Kind of Chance to Open Up New Territory.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Tulsa, Okla., in a review of conditions in the oil fields of West Virginia it develops that the completions reported at this time are not of the most encouraging nature. The search for new producing territory is not revealing any new pools, and operators are as much at a loss now as at any time during the year. The little new territory under development is so light as to be of little interest.

While operators have met with little success in finding new producing territory, they have abandoned hope and are prosecuting the search more vigorously than at any time during the year. Test work is under way and starting in sections that have long since been regarded as abandoned. All of the fields of the year have consisted of that kind of territory. It has come to be generally accepted that one or more dry holes do not condemn a large acreage.

## OHIO GRANGE IS IN LEAD

Buckeye State Makes Largest Gain in Membership in Past Year.

Columbus, O.—Showing the largest gain in membership of any state grange, the Ohio State Grange last year secured 6,000 new members, making its total membership 65,695. Ohio leads all states in the number of juvenile granges, composed of children between the ages of 6 and 14. Five such granges were organized during the year.

The state grange, of which L. J. Taber, Barnestown, is master, will hold its annual meeting December 12 to 15 at Newark. An attendance of 1,500 to 2,000 is expected. The biennial election of officers will take place. Gov. Willis, President Thompson, of Ohio State University, and Edward Wood, of Pittsburgh, will be among speakers at a public reception the evening of December 12 in the Newark High School Auditorium. Various degrees for the grange will be conferred the second day of the meeting. The large class for the final degree, the sixth, in the history of the grange is expected.

## YOUNGSTOWN NEW TERMINALS.

Total Cost, Including Seven-Story Station, To Be \$5,000,000.

Youngstown, O.—Chief Engineer R. S. Parsons, of the Erie railroad, here in conference with the Youngstown Council, announced a \$5,000,000 terminal station and trade elimination project. The proposed station is to be seven stories high and cover two city blocks. The purchase of ten city blocks is necessary for the entire project. Work is to be started next spring. Three years will be required for its completion.

Columbus, O.—Columbus was selected as the place for the meeting in November, 1917, and W. E. Haswell was chosen president at the session of the Ohio Society of Mechanical, Electrical and Steam Engineers. James H. Dede, of Mt. Vernon, was elected vice president, and F. C. Caldwell, of Columbus, and Fred C. Schofield, of Zanesville, members of the board of control. Prof. F. E. Sanborn holds over as secretary and treasurer until the board of control meets.

## JAIL DELIVERY IS PREVENTED.

Cleveland, O.—An attempt on the part of more than 30 prisoners to escape from jail at police headquarters was blocked. Two prison bars had been fled away when the plot was discovered. The prisoners had intended to cut their way with a saw into the corridor and then to overpower the turnkey.

## GOV. FOSTER'S WIDOW DEAD.

Fostoria, O.—Mrs. Ann M. Foster, widow of former Gov. Charles Foster, died here after being an invalid many years. Foster was governor of Ohio from 1880 to 1884, and secretary of the treasury under Harrison's administration.

## RICH AND POOR ARE SUFFERING.

Akron, O.—State Inspectors M. J. Heffernan and H. E. Lashley are at work here at the order of the State Board of Agriculture, to determine the reported embargo on coal. With more than 1,000 cars of coal stored in the railroad yards just outside the city and with practically no fuel in the city, rich and poor alike are suffering as a result of the severe weather. Associated charity headquarters was besieged with calls for help. Coal prices remained at \$7 per ton.

## REMEMBER BOYS ON BORDER.

Delaware, O.—Gone, but not forgotten, are the 100 young men of this city now with Company K, Fourth Regiment, Ohio National Guard, on the Mexican border, and although far away, they are not deprived of turkey dinner Thanksgiving day.

## Local Parents and Friends Collected a Purse.

Aggregating over \$150, which was forwarded to them, to be used for the annual dinner. About 15 of the hospital corps will join in the festivities.

## Lace Hats for Evening.

Lace hats for evening are replacing the hats of tulle or chiffon. And these lace hats are preferably black. They are large, and to be worn at restaurants and theaters with evening gowns.

## Velvet Rose to Hold Drapery.

Just one large, flat velvet rose used on the hip of an evening gown, accentuating a drapery is very effective.

## GOVERNOR EATS CROW.

Lepais, O.—Gov. Willis and other defeated Republicans, as well as a number of successful Democratic candidates in the recent election, "ate crow" at the crow banquet, here, Gov-elect Cox was in Washington and was not able to attend. John H. Newman, former state librarian, and A. P. Sandies, former secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, were among the speakers.

## BUCKEYE NEWS NOTES

Lima, O.—Mrs. Harriet Taylor Up-ton, of Warren, has been re-elected president of the Ohio Woman's Suffrage Association.

Newark, O.—Local fishermen are highly incensed because the water of Buckeye lake is being drained off and the fish are dying by the hundreds.

Covington, O.—This place, a town of 2,000, has not a ton of coal in any of the miners' yards. Not a car of coal has come here for several weeks.

Gallipolis, O.—The coal famine forced Superintendent Kinson to install gas in Ohio Hospital for Epileptics in order to keep the 1,650 patients warm.

St. Marys, O.—A 5 and 10 per cent increase in coal was voluntarily granted to the employees of the Standard Chain Co. in this city. The new schedule takes effect at once.

Columbus, O.—Lockjaw resulting from an infection caused by biting her finger nails caused the death here of Mrs. Katharine McCoy Bonar, 29 years old, a former Columbus schoolteacher.

Bellefontaine, O.—Lowell Haines and Ralph Curi, 14 years old, West Mansfield boys, were badly injured when a dynamite cap which they found and were investigating exploded.

Akron, O.—The Kelly-Springfield Tire and Rubber Co., which, according to reports for the past six months, is about ready to move to Cumberland, Md., took out permits for the construction of two new buildings here.

Newark, O.—Fire was discovered in the Buxton hotel, Granville, at midnight. Pension students responded and saved the structure, which is 150 years old and famous as an underground station during the war.

St. Clairsville, O.—Work is to be commenced on the construction of six more mills at the Yorkville plant of the Wheeling Steel and Iron Co. at once. They will be in operation within six months, making 24 mills in all.

Youngstown, O.—Official announcement has been made that the Brier Hill Steel Company has purchased the Western Reserve Steel Company, located midway between Niles and Warren. The purchase price was not disclosed.

Springfield, O.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the K. of P. building at Mechanicsburg. It consumed the K. of P. hall, Floyd Jones' bakery, and H. N. Gilbert's dry goods store. The damage is estimated at \$60,000, with small insurance.

Columbus, O.—The price of coal took another jump here, retailers announcing a 25 cents a ton increase on lump coal. Hocking lump advanced from \$6 to \$6.25, West Virginia lump from \$6.25 to \$6.50, and Pocahontas from \$6.50 to \$6.75.

Columbus, O.—Captain Charles M. Allen, recently on border service with the First Illinois Infantry, and Mrs. Cora V. Allen, widow of George Allen, father of Captain Allen, were married here. The couple left immediately for the East, and will live in Columbus upon their return.

Newark, O.—Mrs. Mary Lovejoy, 100 years old, the first woman in the United States to receive a pension under the new Ashbrook widows' pension law, died after a few days' illness of pneumonia. Her death occurred but two weeks before she would have received her first pension check, December 4.

Cleveland, O.—Cleveland is facing a serious flour shortage. Wholesale grocers are said to have but a few days' supply on hand, where ordinarily they keep from 30 to 40 days ahead, and with the present demand the surplus will be wiped out soon unless incoming shipments increase. Dealers say the railroads are unable to deliver orders on account of freight congestion.

Marietta, O.—Although the exact shortage in the funds of the Williams-ton (W. Va.) Bank, which has been closed for more than a week, following the disappearance of Cashier Geo. W. Hunter, has not been determined, it is estimated at \$30,000.

Cleveland, O.—August Lancken, aged 60, committed suicide by throwing himself under a New York Central train. William E. Wilkey, aged 39, shot and killed himself. He had been shot for weeks and despondency is believed to have prompted his act.

Cleveland, O.—William H. Taft, former president, addressed a joint meeting of the Cleveland Rotary Club and Cleveland Advertising Club at luncheon. His subject was "The Presidency, Its Powers, Limitations and Its Possibilities."

Columbus, O.—Ohio's retiring and incoming governors are expected to speak at the first Chamber of Commerce luncheon this fall. Lee M. Boda, chairman of the Chamber's Entertainment Committee, has invited Gov. Willis and ex-Gov. Cox to attend.

Colonel Knox Resigns.

Colonel Harry D. Knox of Marietta, has given up the command of the Seventh Regiment. His resignation was received by Acting Adjutant General Bryant. He said business reasons compel his retirement from the guard.

Under the new Federal law officers are appointed by the President upon recommendation of the Governor. Lieut. Col. Thomas O. Crossman, of New Lexington, probably will succeed Colonel Knox. The officers of the regiment have recommended the former for the office.

## Symbolic Jewelry.

It is said that symbolic jewelry will come in with the host of other oriental fashions which have invaded the world of dress and fashion this season. Orientalists have very decided ideas about the relative meanings or significance of certain jewels alone or in combination. These symbols will be considered when the necklaces, brooches, etc., are made up for milady of fashion.

Jade is well known as the protection against evil spirits and is worn to bring good health and prosperity to the wearer. Why the mandarin's chain always contains 102 beads is known to those officials of China, and they also know that every bead has its own significance. These chains will be copied, and also some of the old Egyptian chains, which are said to possess quite as much symbolic value.

## Recipe for Happiness.

"Happiness," said Uncle Eben, "is the ability to forget what de shoves in admirin' de beauty of de rainbow."

## BORROWERS WIN IN HIGH COURT

WHEN CONSTITUTIONALITY OF LLOYD ACT IS UPHELD IN HAMILTON COUNTY CASE.

## NO AUTOS FOR SURVEYORS

County Commissioners Cannot Make Purchases for Surveyors, According to Judges' Ruling.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Columbus.—Affirming the judgments of the Hamilton county courts, the Supreme Court upheld as constitutional the Lloyd loan shark act of 1915, which was enacted to curb the tendency to exact large rates of interest from borrowers. The State Banking Department, having authority to enforce the law, will not now be hampered in applying its provisions. Many loan agencies accepted the law and refused to become interested in a suit testing its validity.

In the case of Homan Vessell, Cincinnati loan agent, is denied a writ of habeas corpus. He was arrested in September, 1915, by a Constable of Milkrick Township for illegally lending money at a rate in excess of 8 per cent without obtaining a license from the State Bank Superintendent.

He applied at once for a writ of habeas corpus, his ground being that the Lloyd act is unconstitutional. The courts in turn denied him the writ. It is claimed that the new law has been the means of saving borrowers a quarter of a million dollars annually.

By a decision in which the Cuyahoga County Court of Appeals was reversed and the Court of Common Pleas affirmed, it was held that the County Commissioners have no right to purchase automobiles for the County Surveyor. The decision will doubtless lead to a spirited attempt to secure an amendment to the laws at the coming session of the General Assembly. The suit was brought by Prosecuting Attorney Cyrus Locher for an injunction against the County Commissioners. It was alleged that the Commissioners were about to spend money on the repair of an automobile and were about to purchase a new machine.

The decision affects many counties where motor cars have been purchased as necessary to public highway work. They are, however, not road machinery. The present statutes, framed before the revolution in transportation, are declared to be hopelessly out of date. It was stated that the courts can only apply the law, leaving